



EPA TO BEGIN CONSTRUCTION ON COMBE FILL SOUTH WATERLINE PROJECT, Chester and Washington Townships, NJ

Community Update

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CONSTRUCTION BEGINS ON WATERLINE PROJECT

The U.S. EPA plans to begin construction on lateral lines that will connect residences to a main water line. This work will start the week of June 3. In addition, the EPA will be establishing a command post for oversight and project management at the park area on Parker Road in Chester, NJ.

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EPA Region 2 has designated a public liaison as a point-of-contact for community concerns and questions about the federal Superfund program in New York, New Jersey, Puerto Rico, and the U.S. Virgin Islands. To support this effort, the Agency has established a 24-hour, toll-free number that the public can call to request information, express concerns, or register complaints about Superfund. The public liaison for EPA's Region 2 office is:

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The U.S. EPA is beginning construction work on a waterline extension project that will bring municipal water to previously identified residences and buildings located in Chester and Washington Townships, New Jersey.

The work is related to the Combe Fill South Landfill Superfund Site and is part of the EPA's efforts to minimize potential exposure to contamination present in ground water resulting from the site. A major component of the remedy selected for the CFS Landfill includes providing potable water to impacted and threatened properties through the construction of a water line and connections and ceasing the use of private wells.

In order to oversee and manage the project, the EPA will set up a command post at the park area on Parker Road in Chester, NJ. Work is scheduled to begin the week of June 3, 2013.

SITE HISTORY

The EPA added the Combe Fill South Landfill site in Chester and Washington Townships, New Jersey to the Superfund National Priority List in 1983 because hazardous chemicals were found in the soil and ground water. The site contains 65 acres of fill area that sit on a 115-acre plot of land in Morris County. The site was a municipal landfill from the 1940s until 1981.

In 1978, Combe Fill Corporation (CFC) bought the landfill. While under CFC's management, procedures at the landfill violated many of the New Jersey solid waste administrative codes. CFC went bankrupt in 1981, and the landfill was not properly closed. As part of the cleanup, the EPA and the state installed a landfill cover to prevent surface water and rainwater from coming into contact with the buried wastes. The EPA continues to monitor the landfill cap's effectiveness.